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Sir:

The Office Action mailed April 22, 2003 has been carefully considered. In response thereto, please consider the following remarks.

**REMARKS**

**Present Status of the Application**

The Office Action rejected all presently pending claims 1-4. Specifically, claims 1-4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Auvil et al. (US 5,240,474) in





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Dear Sirs,

In response to the Office Action, dated April 22, 2003, enclosed please find:

- ☒ Response to Office Action in (6) pages
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Thank you for your assistance in the subject matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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